

CHURCH SERVICES IN PLAYHOUSES.

BROADER VIEWS OF RELIGION.

Devotional Meetings to Be Held in Theatres Throughout the Country and Thrown Open to Non-Churchgoers.

The American Society of Religious Education, an interdenominational movement, which has been carried on successfully for the past twelve years, has decided to inaugurate a series of interdenominational services, to be held in the theatres throughout the country, for the benefit of the non-sectarian masses. The officers of the society are: Hon. John M. Harlan, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, President; Rev. Dr. J. E. Rankin, Rev. Dr. A. Mackay-Smith, and Hon. W. S. Shallenbarger, Vice Presidents; Rev. Dr. J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary, and Mrs. G. D. Woodburn, Registrar.

To Be Carefully Managed. The office of assistant secretary and general manager of the society has just been tendered to Rev. George Buckler, pastor of the McKinley Memorial Church, who for the past five Sunday evenings has conducted a series of interdenominational and non-sectarian meetings at Chase's and the Columbia theatres, and as an officer of the American Society of Religious Education, Mr. Buckler will continue the work he has already so successfully launched.

Mr. Buckler is of the opinion that the time is not far distant when every theatre throughout the length and breadth of the United States will be converted into a house of God on Sunday, where the gospel will be preached to the unchurched masses, who would not darken the doors of a church, but will attend interdenominational services at a theatre, especially when no admission is charged.

Freedom From Sectarian Bias.

"The object of the interdenominational meetings," said Mr. Buckler, "is to put aside all bias and sectarianism, on the theory that we are all one in Christ Jesus, and although Christians may have their own private opinions as to church denominations, they can meet on a broader ground for the salvation of the soul and the uplifting of the human race. From a spiritual point of view the series of interdenominational services held here in Washington were highly successful, more than 300 of those in attendance at the series having stood up for prayer and expressed a determination to lead a Christian life. In view of this fact I am highly encouraged, and believe the work, which is God's work, should be continued, especially as the interdenominational movement has met with great favor on every hand."

The only drawback to the series of five meetings already held was that the contributions did not equal the expenses.

Mr. Buckler's New Charge.

"The services in the theatres are not held for the purpose of antagonizing the churches, as many suppose, but on the other hand are a recruiting office for the church, and the churches of the city are invited to send two or more delegates to the meetings as a sort of steering committee for the converts."

The initial service of the McKinley Memorial Congregational church, which Mr. Buckler has been called as pastor, will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at Schmidt's Hall, 514 Ninth Street northwest.

CAPTAIN COOK IN HOSPITAL.

Commander of Schley's Flagship Now Under Doctor's Care.

Capt. F. A. Cook, who commanded Admiral Schley's flagship, the Brooklyn, in the fight at Santiago, and who was the strongest witness for his superior before the Court of Enquiry, is seriously ill with stomach trouble at the Naval Hospital in this city.

Captain Cook has been indisposed for some time, and his condition became so grave two weeks ago that his physicians promptly ordered him to the hospital where he has been confined to his bed ever since.

The captain has always enjoyed the most robust health up to the period mentioned, when there was a general breaking down of the system. This is rather hard lines for a man of his active temperament, especially as he went through the hardships of the war and came out in the best condition.

While his present illness is of a serious nature, the doctors maintain that it is not dangerous. He is being attended by Dr. Price, of the Marine Hospital Service, and his son, Surgeon Cook, of the navy.

When a Times man called at the hospital last night he was told the captain was much better, and resting easy.

Captain Cook is at present a member of the Naval Retiring Board.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Long Career of Messrs. John P. Ellis & Co. in Music.

The music house of John P. Ellis & Co., 327 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year, having started in business in the year 1852, and being the oldest music house in the city.

It has always borne an excellent and enviable reputation for integrity and fair dealing, striving to satisfy every customer. That it has succeeded in this is evidenced by its ever-increasing business, for which a whole of its large four-story building is required. Its entire first floor is devoted to music, music books, small musical instruments, etc., including talking machines, in which it deals extensively.

On the second and third floors the purchaser will find a full and complete assortment of Chickering and other pianos and organs, while the fourth story is used for storing pianos and its reserve stock of music, etc., and here also is located its workshop, where a force of skilled workmen is engaged in renovating old instruments.

Furs

A fine Assortment of XMAS Is to be found at this well-known Exclusive Fur Store.

Quality the best. Prices the lowest.

Genuine Marten Sets from \$15 up. Separate Scarfs from \$8.50 to \$45. Muffs from \$15.00 to \$40.00.

OUR ELECTRIC AND NEARSEAL JACKETS are unsurpassed in quality, fit and finish. We keep them in repair for twelve months free of charge.

Open Evenings Until Xmas.

WOLF FUR CO., 913 G. N. W.

MARTIN WOLF, Mgr.

THE PALAIS ROYAL.

Advertising is unnecessary now, unless it is to advise you NOT to call during the busy afternoon hours. Come here as soon after breakfast tomorrow as possible, secure first choice, avoid the crowds, and best help along your interest and ours.

The Men's Corner.

(First floor.)

Thousands of women have blessed this "Men's Corner" at the Palais Royal. It is out of the way, the quietest corner of the first floor, but it's so full of suggestions that women naturally find their way there. Some hints:

Smoking Tables, \$1.25 to \$5.49.

Pipes, 25c to \$1.98.

Tobacco Pouches, 25c to \$1.

Match Boxes, 15c to \$2.50.

Cigar Cases, 25c to \$3.49.

Cigarette Cases, 25c to 98c.

Smokers' Sets, 39c to \$4.98.

Ash Trays, 25c to \$1.98.

Pipe Racks, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Traveling Flasks, 15c to \$3.98.

Traveling Sets, 98c to \$2.64.

Military Brushes, 9c to \$3.49.

Collar and Cuff Boxes, 9c to \$4.98.

Shaving Sets, \$1.25 to \$3.98.

Reduced prices to begin to-morrow morning.

89c for the Smoking Tables, marked and previously sold at \$1.25. Only \$1.98 for the \$2.50 tables; only \$2.98 for the \$3.98 tables. Not many left.

49c for the Ash Trays, marked and previously sold at \$1.25. Only \$1.98 for the \$2.50 ash trays; only \$2.98 for the \$3.98 ash trays. Not many left.

15c for the Military Brushes, marked and previously sold at \$3.49. Only \$1.98 for the \$2.50 brushes; only \$2.98 for the \$3.98 brushes. Not many left.

Men's Sets.

10 per cent discount, one-tenth off marked prices. And note that the marked prices are much less than usual. For as little as \$1.25, for as much as \$12.98.

89c for the Brush, Comb, and Mirror Sets, marked \$1.25. They are plain, but good; extra value at \$1.98. So are the Military Hair Brushes at 98c, instead of \$1.98 pair.

Smoking Sets.

25c to \$1.25 for the remaining 25c to \$1.25. Some excellent assortments, all are unique in design and in construction as regards.

25c for the No. 1000 Ash Trays, marked \$1.25. Only \$1.98 for the \$2.50 ash trays; only \$2.98 for the \$3.98 ash trays. Not many left.

Fisk, Clark & Flagg's Scarfs.

Give a man a Scarf bearing the name of above famous makers and he'll credit you with a present worth \$1 or more. He'll judge by the men's store price. 44c is a special price to attract you here during the less busy morning hours. Regular price will be resumed at noon to-morrow.

44c

39c instead of 50c. (During Special Hours.)

Men's Very Sheer and Pure Linen Handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered initial. Guaranteed 50c quality—for only 39c. Only \$2.34, instead of \$3, for six in box. Suitable for presentation.

Two for 25c. (During Special Hours.)

Men's Laundered Handkerchiefs. Guaranteed all-pure linen. Hand-embroidered initial in corner. \$1 in box for only 75c. These are for sale on big table, near 11th street door.

Statuary at 20% Off.

(Basement Floor.)

Life-size busts and large figures, representing Tanagra, Cleopatra, Afa, Cleo, the Water Carrier, "Music," &c. Made of a composition hardened by a secret process that makes it almost as strong as bronze. Decorated in oil colors this statuary can be washed without detriment. Deduct one-fifth from marked prices.

75c During the special hours—until 12 midday to-morrow—19 inch figures, representing the historic and beautiful Duchess of Devonshire, are to be offered at the nominal price of 75c. Not more than one to each purchaser, and at 75c only during the specified hours.

Art Pictures.

The carbon, platinum, and photogravure processes have raised low-priced pictures to perfection—making them almost the equal of the original works of art they imitate.

19c and 25c.

The art stores' 50c and \$1 pictures at only 19c and 25c—without these pictures in 6x12 to 14x21 inch frames. For inspection see on fourth floor.

59c \$1 value.

\$1.35 \$1.50 value.

\$1.85 \$2 value.

The \$2 Gloves at \$1.85 are Dent's famous Ladies' for ladies and men.

The \$1.50 Gloves at \$1.35 are ladies and men's best Cape Kid Gloves. The \$1 Gloves at 59c are ladies' Grace Kid Gloves. 1,000 dozen of these Gloves, every size, in black, white, and all shades.

Jewelers' Jewelry.

(First floor.)

Ready to-morrow—Solid Gold Rings with jeweled settings, the jewelers' \$5 to \$20 rings at \$2.98 to \$10. Solid Gold Cuff Links, \$2.98 instead of \$5. Solid Gold Brooches, \$1.98 to \$5.98 instead of \$3.50 to \$12. Baby Pins, \$2.98 instead of \$5 the set. Opera Glasses, Lemaire, Verdi, and Premier makes, at \$3.50 to \$16 instead of \$5 to \$25.

Candy for Christmas Day.

The best possible is here at 25c a pound. Leave your order tomorrow and we'll deliver it fresh on Tuesday. Reduced prices for quantities—\$1 for 5 pounds; greater reduction for larger quantities.

THE PALAIS ROYAL,

A. LISNER, G and 11th Streets.

A Christmas Thought--A Piano.

Could anything be more appreciated in a home than a good piano? We beg to make the suggestion of a piano for a Christmas remembrance. Nothing will give the recipient more lasting pleasure, nothing could be more acceptable.

The Knabe is Piano Perfection.

The Knabe of today has the benefit of over three score years of piano experience, and is the recognized standard of excellence in the world of pianos. In purchasing a piano it is well worth while to consider the life of the instrument. A piano which costs one or two hundred dollars more than some other instrument, yet lasts ten or fifteen years longer, is, after all, much the cheaper instrument.

The Knabe is not a cheap piano, but it lives practically forever!

We Have Pianos of Other Makes

For purchasers who for various reasons do not now wish to buy the Knabe. Our stock is so large that there is almost no limit to the selection. Each of these lower-price instruments is guaranteed by the manufacturer, as well as by ourselves, and will be sold at most attractive prices and on satisfactory terms.

Some Used and Slightly Used Pianos

Are also on our floors—Grands, Uprights, and Squares. Among these will be found a number of special bargains.

A piano for Christmas is rather a good suggestion, particularly where there are so many instruments from which to make a selection, every one of which bears the guarantee of this house.

Wm. Knabe & Co.,

1209 Pennsylvania Avenue.

HOLIDAY

The holiday season is upon us, and with it the season of giving. The Christmas season is a time of joy and happiness, and it is a time when we should give to the poor and needy. The Christmas season is a time when we should give to the poor and needy. The Christmas season is a time when we should give to the poor and needy.

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